



# Motor Gasoline Watch

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## SUPPLY

- Total finished motor gasoline production averaged 8.3 million barrels per day (MMBD) for the second week in a row, of that, 2.5 MMBD was reformulated. Imports of total motor gasoline averaged 0.8 MMBD for the week, 0.1 MMBD higher than the four-week average. Of the imports, reformulated accounted for 0.2 MMBD and blending components 0.3 MMBD. Demand for finished motor gasoline fell slightly to 8.6 MMBD although the four-week average remained unchanged at 8.7 MMBD.
- Total motor gasoline inventories rose to 206.7 million barrels (MMB) for the week ending November 16, 2001. Finished motor gasoline stocks were up half a million barrels at 160.8 MMB. Of that, reformulated gasoline stocks rose 1.6 MMB to 45.6 million barrels while stocks of other finished (conventional) gasoline fell 1.0 MMB to 114.6 MMB. Stocks of motor gasoline blending components ended the week at 45.9 MMB, an increase of 0.9 MMB.

### Gasoline Production by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Thousand Barrels per Day)

District	Total Finished Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline Week Ending				
	10/26/01	11/02/01	11/09/01	11/16/01	11/17/00	10/26/01	11/02/01	11/09/01	11/16/01	11/17/00
East Coast (PADD I)	981	1,333	1,221	<b>1,168</b>	1,014	607	818	699	<b>659</b>	648
Midwest (PADD II)	1,931	1,859	1,838	<b>1,867</b>	1,856	255	262	256	<b>257</b>	260
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	3,855	3,785	3,615	<b>3,639</b>	3,770	786	753	725	<b>603</b>	750
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	251	247	253	<b>272</b>	262	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	1,404	1,407	1,375	<b>1,380</b>	1,348	945	1,019	992	<b>986</b>	947
U.S. Total	8,422	8,631	8,302	<b>8,326</b>	8,250	2,593	2,852	2,672	<b>2,505</b>	2,605

### Gasoline Stocks by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Million Barrels)

District	Total Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline Week Ending				
	10/26/01	11/02/01	11/09/01	11/16/01	11/16/00	10/26/01	11/02/01	11/09/01	11/16/01	11/16/00
East Coast (PADD I)	53.7	55.5	54.0	<b>54.1</b>	51.0	17.4	20.1	18.3	<b>19.8</b>	16.3
Midwest (PADD II)	53.2	52.4	50.7	<b>50.2</b>	47.2	2.4	2.2	2.4	<b>2.9</b>	1.4
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	63.8	61.6	62.2	<b>63.8</b>	60.1	10.6	10.4	11.9	<b>10.8</b>	10.6
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	6.8	6.5	6.9	<b>6.8</b>	5.8	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	30.8	31.0	31.6	<b>31.7</b>	28.9	11.1	11.5	11.5	<b>12.1</b>	11.8
U.S. Total	208.3	206.9	205.3	<b>206.7</b>	193.1	41.4	44.2	44.0	<b>45.6</b>	40.2

Source: Energy Information Administration, *Weekly Petroleum Status Report (WPSR)*.

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## PRICES

- Gasoline spot and futures prices were down last week, as the market focused on OPEC's showdown on production cuts with non-OPEC producers. Another week of unexpectedly strong growth in U.S. gasoline demand for the week ending November 9 was mostly ignored by the markets. The New York Harbor spot price for conventional regular gasoline fell 7.22 cents to 48.10 cents per gallon, while the Los Angeles CARB RFG spot price dropped 10.00 cents to 54.00 cents per gallon.
- The U.S. average retail price for regular gasoline fell for the ninth straight week, dropping 1.5 cents to 116.7 cents per gallon as of November 19, 2001. The average was 34.3 cents lower than at this time last year, and the lowest since July 12, 1999. Prices declined for all regions and formulations, except for a small increase in conventional gasoline in the Midwest.

### Regular Gasoline Spot Prices by City (Cents per Gallon)

City	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	10/29/01	11/05/01	11/12/01	11/19/01	11/20/00	10/29/01	11/05/01	11/12/01	11/19/01	11/20/00
New York	56.88	51.80	55.32	<b>48.10</b>	97.50	57.88	53.10	57.37	<b>50.00</b>	97.75
Chicago	57.70	54.53	60.40	<b>51.75</b>	91.23	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
Houston	54.36	50.28	53.48	<b>45.73</b>	87.05	56.81	50.93	54.80	<b>47.73</b>	89.38
Los Angeles	77.00	66.50	58.00	<b>48.00</b>	104.50	83.00	72.50	64.00	<b>54.00</b>	109.50

Source: Reuters Information Services.

### Regular Gasoline Retail Prices by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Cents per Gallon, Including Taxes)

District	Conventional Areas					Reformulated Areas				
	10/29/01	11/05/01	11/12/01	11/19/01	11/20/00	10/29/01	11/05/01	11/12/01	11/19/01	11/20/00
East Coast (PADD I)	115.7	112.7	110.5	<b>108.3</b>	144.5	127.6	124.0	121.3	<b>118.2</b>	155.0
Midwest (PADD II)	114.6	113.5	112.0	<b>113.7</b>	148.7	122.6	119.9	120.7	<b>120.6</b>	152.0
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	114.6	111.6	109.0	<b>108.5</b>	141.6	116.2	111.4	107.9	<b>105.1</b>	139.7
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	137.3	132.4	127.5	<b>123.5</b>	158.4	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	148.6	145.7	141.9	<b>137.3</b>	166.7	146.4	141.8	137.5	<b>133.1</b>	174.7
U.S. Average	119.3	117.0	114.7	<b>114.0</b>	148.7	131.9	128.0	125.3	<b>122.2</b>	157.9

Source: Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-878, Motor Gasoline Price Survey.

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